

A BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

Jamie skipped down the hall and came to a stop at the top of the steps. She felt a fluttery, excited feeling [or/ it/ in] her stomach. Today was her birthday! Birthdays [in/ on/ if] Jamie's house were always special. Mom usually [where/ cooked/ yellow] a nice breakfast and dinner. Jamie [also/ given/ move] had cake, ice cream, and lots [is/ not/ of] presents after dinner.

Jamie hopped down [the/ tip/ not] steps, ready for her special day [is/ to/ on] begin. When she got to the kitchen, [she/ lot/ can] sniffed the air. She could not [meat/ fast/ smell] any special breakfast cooking. "Where's my special breakfast?" [she/ jet/ neat] asked Mom. "Why honey, this is [from/ never/ what] we eat every morning. You know [that/ keep/ knot]." Jamie's mom continued to pour milk [live/ over/ neat] her cereal. Jamie sat down in [have/ her/ joy] chair and looked at the corn [claws/ lonely/ flakes] with a pout. Could it be [that/ most/ work] Mom had forgotten her birthday?

As Jamie [not/ neat/ was] munching on her corn flakes, Dad [have/ most/ came] into the kitchen and sat down [is/ at/ of] the table. "Good morning, you two," Dad [said/ keep/ both]. "I'm hungry. What's for breakfast?" "Good," Jamie thought, "[liver/ crazy/ maybe] he'll remember my birthday breakfast" But Dad [just/ lost/ mind] kept munching on his cereal. "Don't [forget/ wanted/ polls], I won't be home for dinner," Dad [putty/ river/ said]. "I'm going bowling with some friends tonight." Jamie dropped [kite/ her/ top] spoon and stared at her dad [in/ is/ on] surprise. Why

Dad was not going to [is/ be/ or] here for her birthday dinner!

After [is/ at/ a] kiss from Mom and Dad, Jamie started [out/ put/ car] the door for school, dragging her bookbag [never/ costly/ behind] her. She felt very sad because Mom [for/ move/ and] Dad seemed to have forgotten her birthday. [As/ On/ It] she got closer to school, she [lawn/ both/ felt] better, because maybe her friends would remember [her/ fit/ bond] birthday. However, not one of Jamie's friends mentioned [can/ her/ ball] birthday the whole day.

When Jamie [ate/ got/ for] home from school, Mom greeted her [at/ eat/ see] the door. "We're going to go [road/ keep/ watch] Dad bowl tonight so we'll eat our [might/ dinner/ middle] out." Jamie was too sad to care. [Get/ She/ See] felt that her birthday would pass [more/ bone/ and] no one would notice. Mom and Jamie [lower/ boat/ drove] to the bowling alley in silence. [When/ Very/ Mess] they walked in the alley, Jamie's mom pointed [put/ my/ and] said, "There's Dad." Jamie looked up [lose/ and/ not] saw Dad smiling and waving near [a/ or/ be] lane at the end of the [other/ your/ alley]. Suddenly, Jamie took a closer look. [Fit/ Ball/ Why], next to Dad stood three of Jamie's friends, smiling [and/ lot/ fat] waving! On a table nearby, Jamie [lot/ bore/ saw] a small stack of presents and [a/ of/ in] cake box. "We didn't forget your birthday," Mom [upon/ said/ fog] beside her. "We just wanted to surprise [you/ put/ not]." Jamie gave her Mom a big [lost/ pore/ hug]. "Thanks, Mom," she said. All at [live/ care/ once], Jamie felt that her birthday would be [is/ a/ of] good one after all.